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SUBJ: CAA STRIKE AND ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES

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1. EAL GEN. MANAGER SAMRETH TOLD EMBOFFS OVER DINNER THAT EAL CONSIDERS IT IS LOSING RATHER THAN MAKING MONEY AS RESULT CAA STRIKE. ALTHOUGH EAL CURRENTLY ENJOYING DE FACTO MONOPOLY (SINCE ABSENCE CAA SERVICES CAUSING FOREIGN AIRLINES TO BYPASS ETHIOPIA), SAMRETH SAID THAT LINE ENJOYED BETTER LOAD FACTOR WITH 60 PERCENT
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OF MARKET PREVIOUSLY THAN IT DOES NOW WITH 100 PERCENT. ETHIOPIA, HE

EXPLAINED, CONSIDERED BY SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION TRAVELING PUBLIC AS TRANSIT POINT RATHER THAN FINAL DESTINATION. ACCORDINGLY, NEWS OF CAA STRIKE COMBINED WITH REPORTS OF COUNTRY'S INTERNAL INSTABILITY CAUSING RISING CURVE OF CANCELLATIONS.

2. WELL PLACED RELIABLE AMERICAN SOURCE INFORMED US MORNING MARCH 22 THAT ONLY ONE ISSUE REMAINING BETWEEN CAA AND STRIKERS. THAT ISSUE COULD BE LATTER'S DEMAND THAT CAA DIRECTOR BE DISMISSED. WE DO NOT KNOW REASONS FOR THAT DEMAND; MISSION CONSIDERS DIRECTOR HARD WORKING COMPETENT TECHNICIAN. INQUIRY AFTERNOON OF CAA DIRECTOR ABOUT STATE OF SETTLEMENT EFFORTS ELICITED SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT STRIKE CONTINUES.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOVERNMENTS WHOSE AIRLINES PRECLUDED BY CONDITIONS FROM SERVICING ETHIOPIA BEGINNING MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO IEG URGING QUICK SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE. WYMAN

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